

As A German Sees The World War

What It Means to Germany in Organizing Industries and Population for an Indefinite Siege—No Signs of Weakening or Loss—The Ammunition Supply.

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IN the daily war telegrams, which I receive, there was contained in the one received on the 27th of September the information that the German army had captured a large quantity of ammunition.

"Allies praise heroic resistance of German troops which are fighting against the war material supplied by the whole world."

In order to give those who are not familiar with details, an idea what this means, I beg to state that according to German estimates the French and English have fired away in their offensive movement at the Somme over

10 million cannon shots of all sizes not to speak of the rifle ammunition, which at the present exorbitant prices for ammunition must have cost at least \$1,000,000,000 and some allies, with this enormous expenditure of ammunition and the loss of half a million men have not gained over four per cent of the territory which the Germans occupy in France.

Anybody can figure out how much money and lives it would cost to regain the other 95 per cent of the French territory held by the Germans.

Coal and Iron. In regard to the manufacturing of ammunition and war material it is interesting to know the resources of the

various countries as to production of coal and iron, and as I found some figures on the subject in La Riforma, a technical monthly of July 1914, published in France, the iron ore production of the principal countries in the world was in the year 1911 as follows:

United States	54,128,400
Germany	22,523,000
France	16,423,900
Great Britain	15,783,000
Sweden	10,000,000
Spain	9,800,000
Belgium	8,500,000
Austria-Hungary	8,200,000
Algeria	7,800,000

According to that Germany and its allies control today in production of iron ore the following:

Germany	22,523,000
Austria-Hungary	8,200,000
Belgium	8,500,000
Spain	9,800,000
Sweden	10,000,000
France	16,423,900
Italy	1,000,000
Poland	1,000,000
Rumania	1,000,000
Sardinia	1,000,000
Siberia	1,000,000
Southern Russia	1,000,000
Switzerland	1,000,000
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As to the production of coal, the figures are as follows:

United States	481,411,000
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